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**RE: Monthly Progress Report No. 89  
Ciba Specialty Chemicals, 180 Mill Street, Cranston, RI 02905  
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Dear Mr. Battaglia:

As required by the modified Consent Decree (CD) of September 28, 1992, I am submitting the monthly stabilization progress report for November 1997.

## **1.0 SUMMARY**

### **Stabilization Plan (IRM)**

- **Contaminated groundwater in the Production Area (AOC 13)** -- The groundwater extraction wells 110 and 120, as well as, the pretreatment system continued to operate with no problems. Since the initiation on September 29, 1995, the groundwater stabilization pretreatment plant has processed approximately 67 million gallons of contaminated groundwater meeting the permit wastewater discharge limits for the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.
- **Soil in the Production Area (SWMU 11)** -- The SVE was shut down on July 16, 1997, due to an odor problem from the unit that could not be immediately corrected. This problem is not yet resolved.



## 2.0 DISCUSSION

There is no change in the present status of the SVE. Looking within Ciba, as well as, outside the company for technical assistance.

## 3.0 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- Correct the catalyst problem at the SVE unit
- Reviewing the October 1997 groundwater data for upcoming report.

## 4.0 OTHER COMMENTS

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 732 914-2537 or fax 732 914-2909.

Sincerely,



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